



LODI CITY COUNCIL

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

AGENDA – SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

Date: October 25, 2006

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

**Lodi City Council and
Animal Shelter Task Force, Community Separator/Greenbelt Task Force,
Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee, Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission,
Library Board of Trustees, Lodi Arts Commission,
Lodi Budget/Finance Committee, Lodi Improvement Committee,
Lodi Senior Citizens Commission, Lodi Tourism Business Improvement
District Advisory Board, Planning Commission,
Recreation Commission, and
Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee**

A. Roll call

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Conduct AB 1234 Ethics Training for Members of the City Council and City Council-Appointed Boards and Commissions (CA)

C. Adjournment

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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Members of the Appointed Boards and Commissions

FROM: Steve Schwabauer, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Notice of Options Regarding AB 1234 Mandatory Ethics Training
Requirements

DATE: October 18, 2006

A new law effective January 1, 2006 requires specified local officials to receive two hours of ethics training.¹ For those officials who were in service as of January 1, the deadline for receiving the first round of training is January 1, 2007.² The requirement applies to local officials who either receive compensation for their service to the city or are reimbursed for their expenses.³

The training must cover both ethics laws and ethics principles.⁴ There are a number of options for complying with this requirement.

- The City of Lodi will be offering training on October 25, 2006 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Forum.
- Self-study materials are available at www.ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance. The materials require that you read two articles on public service ethics laws and principles, take a self-assessment test and then submit it to the Institute for Local Government with a processing fee. The Institute will review your test, provide you the correct answers to the questions and a proof of participation certificate.
- Regional and statewide training opportunities include those offered by the League of California Cities at its Executive Forum and Annual Conference. Additional options are described at www.ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance.

¹ Cal. Gov't Code § 53235(a), (b).

² Cal. Gov't Code § 53235.1.

³ Cal. Gov't Code § 53235(a).

⁴ Cal. Gov't Code § 53235(b).

Once you receive your proof of participation in the required AB 1234 training, please make a copy of the certificate for your records and provide the original to the City Clerk's office.⁵ These records will be retained as public records for at least five years.⁶

As with all ethics laws, AB 1234 creates a minimum for ethics education—not a maximum. We encourage you to take advantage of additional training in ethics-related topics and document those efforts as well.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact my office. Note that general information about AB 1234 is also available at www.ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance, including a frequently-asked-questions sheet.

C: City Manager
City Clerk
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⁵ Cal. Gov't Code §§ 53235(e), 53235.2(a).

⁶ Cal. Gov't Code § 53235.2(b).